

**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN
RESOLUTION NO. 26-R-04**

Date Introduced: August 24, 2026

Sponsored by: Council President Adam Hiob and Councilman Darin Wassum

Amendments Adopted: None

Date Adopted: August 24, 2026

Date Effective: August 24, 2026

1 **A RESOLUTION concerning**

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3 **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**
4 **BETWEEN HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND AND**
5 **ABERDEEN ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND**
6 **RIPKEN GROUNDS, LLC FOR**
7 **INTERACTIVE TOURISM KIOSK PLACEMENT**
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9 **FOR** the purpose of the Council of the City of Aberdeen to approve the Memorandum of
10 Understanding between Harford County, Maryland, Aberdeen Economic & Development
11 Corporation, and Ripken Grounds, LLC, concerning the placement and operation of an interactive
12 tourism and informational kiosk at 880 Long Drive, Aberdeen, Maryland.

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14 **WHEREAS**, Harford County, Maryland, through its Department of Economic Development, has
15 procured and intends to install and operate an interactive tourism and informational kiosk system
16 and related software platform for the purpose of promoting tourism, economic development, local
17 attractions, events, recreational opportunities, and visitor engagement within Harford County; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, the interactive tourism kiosk will provide interactive hardware, software, cloud-based
20 content management services, analytics, itinerary features, tourism mapping, and related visitor
21 engagement functionality; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, Ripken Grounds, LLC is the fee simple owner of the property commonly known as
24 880 Long Drive, Aberdeen, Maryland, and has agreed to permit the placement and operation of the
25 interactive tourism kiosk at the property; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, the Aberdeen Economic & Development Corporation ("EDC") has agreed to
28 construct, coordinate, facilitate, or fund the construction of a platform and overhang structure
29 intended to provide additional weather and environmental protection for the kiosk and improve the
30 visitor experience; and
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32 **WHEREAS**, Ripken Grounds, LLC has agreed to provide certain site support services necessary
33 for operation of the kiosk, including electrical power and internet connectivity at the property; and

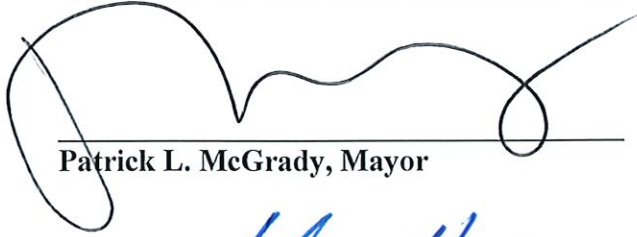
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2 **WHEREAS**, Harford County desires to incorporate enhanced promotion of Aberdeen-area
3 attractions, businesses, events, and tourism opportunities through the kiosk due to the proximity of
4 such destinations to the property; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, the City of Aberdeen, the EDC, Harford County, and Ripken Grounds, LLC desire to
7 memorialize their respective understandings and responsibilities regarding the interactive tourism
8 kiosk project; and

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10 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
11 **ABERDEEN** that the Mayor of the City of Aberdeen is authorized to enter into the Memorandum
12 of Understanding between Harford County, Maryland, Aberdeen Economic & Development
13 Corporation, and Ripken Grounds, LLC concerning Interactive Tourism Kiosk Placement, attached
14 to this Resolution as Attachment A.

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16 **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN** that
17 this Resolution shall take effect from the date of its adoption.

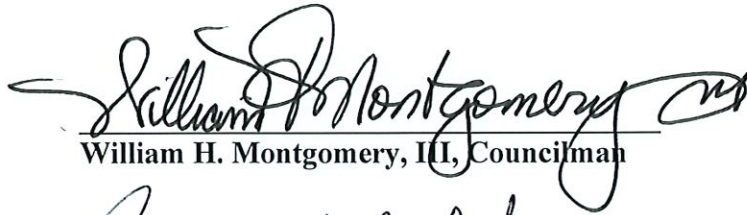
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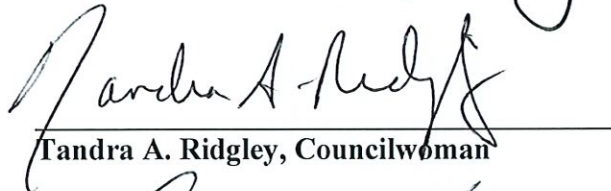
Patrick L. McGrady, Mayor



Adam M. Hiob, Council President



William H. Montgomery, III, Councilman



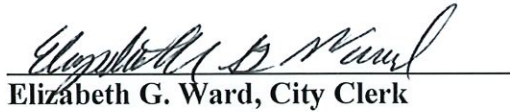
Tandra A. Ridgley, Councilwoman



Darin M. Wassum, Councilman

ATTEST:

SEAL:



Elizabeth G. Ward, City Clerk

Date August 24, 2026

ATTACHMENT A

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

AND

ABERDEEN ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

AND

RIPKEN GROUNDS, LLC

for

INTERACTIVE TOURISM KIOSK PLACEMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”) is made this _____ day of _____ 2026 (the “Effective Date”) by and between Harford County, Maryland, a body corporate and politic of the State of Maryland (the “County”), acting by and through the Department of Economic Development; Aberdeen Economic & Development Corporation, a Maryland nonprofit corporation; (hereinafter “EDC”; City of Aberdeen, Maryland, a Maryland municipal corporation (hereinafter “the City”); and Ripken Grounds, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company; (collectively, the “Parties”).

WHEREAS, the County has procured and intends to install and operate an interactive tourism and informational kiosk system and related software platform (the “Kiosk”) for the purpose of promoting tourism, economic development, local attractions, events, recreational opportunities, and visitor engagement within Harford County;

WHEREAS, the Kiosk includes interactive hardware, software, cloud-based content management services, analytics, itinerary features, tourism mapping, and related visitor engagement functionality;

WHEREAS, Ripken Grounds, LLC is the fee simple owner of the property commonly known as 880 Long Drive, Aberdeen, Maryland, 21001 (hereinafter “the Property”) and has agreed to permit placement and operation of the Kiosk at the Property;

WHEREAS, the Parties believe the Property constitute a suitable location for installation and operation of the Kiosk;

WHEREAS, EDC has agreed to assist with the project by constructing, funding, coordinating, or facilitating the construction of a platform and overhang structure intended to better protect the Kiosk from environmental conditions and improve the visitor experience;

WHEREAS, Ripken Grounds, LLC has agreed to provide certain site support services necessary for operation of the Kiosk, including electrical power and internet connectivity at the Property;

WHEREAS, the County desires to incorporate enhanced promotion of Aberdeen-area attractions, businesses, events, and tourism opportunities through the Kiosk due to the proximity of such destinations to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to memorialize their respective understandings and responsibilities regarding the Kiosk project.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms, conditions, promises, and covenants set forth, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1) TERM AND TERMINATION.

This Agreement shall commence upon execution by all Parties ("Effective Date") and shall continue for an initial term of one (1) year. Thereafter, this Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one (1) year terms unless terminated in accordance with this Agreement. Any Party may terminate this Agreement without cause upon sixty (60) days prior written notice to the other Parties.

2) COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES.

The County shall retain sole ownership, control, and operational authority over the Kiosk and shall be responsible for all matters relating thereto, including but not limited to:

- a. Procurement, acquisition, licensing, and operation of the Kiosk;
- b. Payment of all costs associated with the Kiosk software, hardware, licensing, hosting, support, subscriptions, and related vendor agreements;
- c. Administration and management of all content displayed through the Kiosk;
- d. Compliance with all applicable software licensing, intellectual property, copyright, and content usage requirements;
- e. Coordination with the Kiosk vendor, software providers, installers, maintenance personnel, and contractors;
- f. Maintenance, servicing, repair, replacement, and support of the Kiosk;
- g. Software administration and technical support associated with the Kiosk platform and content management system;
- h. Approval of all graphics, branding, wraps, advertisements, promotional materials, and informational content associated with the Kiosk;
- i. Compliance with applicable laws relating to installation and operation of the Kiosk; and
- j. Removal of the Kiosk upon termination of this MOU if requested by Ripken Grounds, LLC.

The County shall retain final authority regarding all content, operations, functionality, and public-facing materials associated with the Kiosk.

3) RIPKEN GROUNDS, LLC RESPONSIBILITIES.

Ripken Grounds, LLC hereby grants to the County a revocable, non-exclusive license to access and use a portion of the Property for purposes of installation, placement, operation, maintenance, servicing, repair, replacement, and removal of the Kiosk and related equipment.

The specific location of the Kiosk on the Property shall be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

The license granted herein shall commence upon installation of the Kiosk and shall remain in effect for the duration of this Agreement unless earlier terminated in accordance with the terms herein.

The Ripken Grounds, LLC shall:

- a. Permit the County and its authorized employees, agents, contractors, vendors, and representatives reasonable access to the Property as necessary for installation, operation, maintenance, servicing, repair, replacement, and removal of the Kiosk;
- b. Cooperate with the County regarding reasonable operational needs associated with the Kiosk and the Property;
- c. Notify the County of any condition known to Ripken Grounds, LLC that may materially affect operation, accessibility, or public safety relating to the Kiosk area;
- d. Coordinate, as reasonably necessary, regarding site access and scheduling, to the Kiosk location;
- e. Be responsible for its internal costs related to coordination, permitting, and Site support, including any third-party or utility fees;
- f. Permit reasonable utility access necessary for operation of the Kiosk, subject to any applicable site requirements;
- e. Notify the County of any known interruption, maintenance issue, or condition that may materially impact electrical service, internet connectivity, or operation of the Kiosk; and
- f. Be responsible for its own internal costs associated with providing electrical service and internet connectivity unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, Ripken Grounds, LLC will not be responsible for operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, software licensing, support, or management of the Kiosk.

4) ABERDEEN ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND/OR CITY OF ABERDEEN

The EDC agrees to construct, coordinate, facilitate, or fund the construction of a platform and overhang structure intended to provide additional weather and environmental protection for the Kiosk. The EDC shall be responsible for any contractor coordination, permits, approvals, or associated costs relating to such improvements unless otherwise agreed by the Parties. The EDC acknowledges that the County shall retain sole authority over the operation and management of the Kiosk while collaborating with both parties on the development and maintenance of all associated content. The EDC and City agree to work collaboratively to assist with the EDC's obligations hereunder and to provide appropriate content and information for Aberdeen-area attractions, businesses, events, and tourism opportunities.

5) BRANDING AND PROMOTIONAL CONTENT.

In consideration of the EDC's support and collaboration on the project, the County agrees to:

- a. Incorporate mutually agreeable dual-branding elements on the exterior wrap or graphics associated with the Kiosk;

- b. Include enhanced promotion of Aberdeen-area attractions, destinations, businesses, and events through the Kiosk platform and content where appropriate; and
- c. Collaborate in good faith regarding tourism and economic development promotional opportunities associated with the Kiosk.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the County shall retain final approval authority regarding all content, graphics, branding, advertisements, and informational materials displayed through or affixed to the Kiosk.

Nothing herein shall require the County to display content deemed inappropriate, unlawful, offensive, political, misleading, or inconsistent with County policies or operational objectives.

6) OWNERSHIP OF KIOSK AND CONTENT.

The Parties acknowledge and agree that the Kiosk, associated hardware, software, operational systems, software licenses, vendor agreements, and County-provided content shall remain the property of the County or its licensors, as applicable.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to transfer ownership of the Kiosk or associated intellectual property to any other party herein.

7) LIABILITY.

Each Party shall be responsible for its own acts and omissions and those of its officers, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, contractors, and representatives. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as a waiver of any governmental immunity, statutory protection, or limitation of liability available to the County, City or EDC under Maryland law.

8) REMOVAL AND RESTORATION.

Upon removal of the Kiosk, the County shall reasonably restore the immediate area affected by such removal, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

9) NOTICES.

Any notice required or permitted under this MOU shall be in writing and shall be deemed given when personally delivered, sent by recognized overnight delivery service, or mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, to the following addresses:

If to the County:

Harford County Department of Economic Development
220 South Main Street
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

If to EDC:

Aberdeen Economic & Development Corporation
107 Paradise Drive
Havre de Grace, MD 21078

If to the City:
Mayor Patrick McGrady
City of Aberdeen
60 N. Parke Street
Aberdeen, MD 21001

If to Ripken Grounds, LLC
880 Long Drive
Aberdeen, MD 21001

Any Party may change its notice address by written notice to the other Parties.

10) COMPLIANCE WITH LAW.

Each Party shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and codes relating to its obligations under this MOU.

11) ASSIGNMENT.

No Party may assign or transfer any rights or obligations under this MOU without the prior written consent of the other Parties.

12) COUNTERPARTS; ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES.

This MOU may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Electronic signatures and signatures transmitted electronically or by PDF shall be deemed original signatures for all purposes.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed, sealed and delivered these presents as of their own free act and deed as of the Effective Date first written above.

WITNESS/ATTEST:

ABERDEEN ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, a Maryland nonprofit corporation

BY: _____
Name: Steve Horne
Title: Chair

CITY OF ABERDEEN, MARYLAND,
a Maryland municipal corporation

By: _____
Name: Patrick McGrady
Title: Mayor

HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: _____
Robert G. Cassilly
Harford County Executive

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency

Anthony G. LaDana
Assistant County Attorney

RIPKEN GROUNDS, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company

By: _____
Lauren Morris
General Manager, Ripken Baseball